

ABSTRACT

Fibre-softening compositions containing non-ionic surfactants.

A description is given of novel aqueous compositions that soften and condition textiles and other natural and synthetic fibres, which compositions contain surfactants of a non-ionic character and cationic surfactants or esterquats obtained from alkanolamine esters based on the esterification reaction of optionally alkoxylated alkanolamines with dicarboxylic acids and fatty alcohols which are optionally alkoxylated.

The mentioned cationic surfactants and esterquats improve the conditioning and softening efficiency of non-ionic surfactants on natural and synthetic fibres so that the softening compositions obtained exhibit a high degree of efficiency in the treatment of fibres, such as textiles, paper and hair, and also facilitate ironing in the case of textile fibres and combing in the case of natural fibres.